



The Bookworm

THE BI-MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE MIDDLETON PUBLIC LIBRARY

A Message From the Library Director

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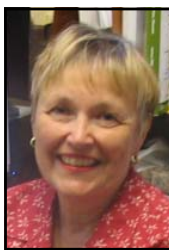
The library staff and board wish to acknowledge the valued service of two longtime library employees, both of whom have recently retired after a combined 31 years of employment.



Library Assistant II **Bonnie Helmeid** has been a calm and steady presence at the library's circulation desk since August 1988. She brought a wealth of library experience with her, having worked as a school librarian in Wausau and Middleton for nearly 20 years. In addition to checking out tens of thousands of library materials and registering thousands of people for library cards, she had served as Middleton's interlibrary loan contact and coordinator for many years and, most recently, assisted Head of Circulation Services Librarian Elizabeth Bauer with the hiring and supervision of the page staff.

As Bonnie mentioned in a thank-you note to staff, "People often said to me, 'You are so lucky to be working at the Middleton Public Library', and I thoroughly agreed." Bonnie considered the library staff her second family, a group of people she very much enjoyed being around.

In her retirement, Bonnie has already determined that she'll spend lot of time with her grandson, Owen.



In March 1993, **Kate Zimmerman** began her duties in the newly created position of Administrative Assistant. Prior to that, she had worked for 6 years right next door to the library as the Office Manager at St. Luke's Lutheran Church. Kate's library duties ranged far and wide – from preparing payroll and maintaining personnel records to scheduling meet-

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Our Community Readers



This issue we checked-in with **Anita Hecht**, founder of Life History Services. Last summer Ms. Hecht offered a library program on preserving family memories and the response from participants was to please bring her back! This summer she is offering a 3-part class on "life writing" to discuss the value and process of capturing family stories.

What are you reading these days?

Right now I am reading **Fugitive Pieces** by Anne Michaels. I just finished **Broken for You** by Stephanie Kallos. Both are about recovering and healing the shards or disparate, broken pieces of one's life. They are interesting to me in terms of putting together memoirs as tapestries, weaving seemingly unrelated events into the unique fabric of one's life.

What is your favorite place and/or time of day to read?

Usually, I read before sleeping and upon waking in the morning. Always in a comfy spot!

Which authors are your all-time favorites?

Oh, this is a tough one! My all time favorites are Dr. Seuss(!), JM Coetzee, Anne Lamott, Margaret Atwood, and political analysts Seymour Hersch, Maureen Dowd, and a host of others.

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-ing room reservations and supervising building maintenance operations, all of them accomplished in a very professional and thoroughgoing manner. Kate's enjoyment of her work and attention to detail has kept the business side of the library's operations running very smoothly.

Kate notes that, "When I tell people that I have been employed at the Middleton Public Library for 13 years, most of them say, 'But I've never seen you there.'" That's because she's worked behind the scenes all those years.

Kate says she is looking forward to retirement in order to spend more time with her husband (who

has been retired for 3 years), to catch up on all those projects still staring her in the face, and to spend more time "smelling the roses." She looks forward to attending library programs and continuing to be an active member of the Friends of the Library.

"Thank you to all the great staff at the library ...we have shared some wonderful experiences. Middleton is truly blessed to have such a fantastic facility."

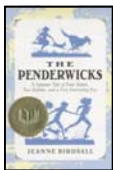
Our best wishes to both Bonnie and Kate in their retirements.

- Paul Nelson, Library Director

Family Listening: audio books for the whole family to enjoy!

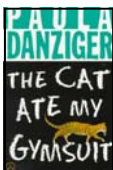


Suggestions from the Youth Services staff on some good books on CD:



Birdsall, Jeanne. ***The Penderwicks: A Summer Tale of 4 Sisters, 2 Rabbits, and a Very Interesting Boy.***

A slice of life summer story begins when the Penderwicks embark on their summer vacation in the Berkshire Mountains. The Penderwick sisters befriend Jeffrey, a young boy, who lives in a mansion with his snobbish mother and together they all have a remarkably memorable summer. Winner of the National Book Award for Young People's Literature.



Danziger, Paula. ***The Cat Ate My Gymsuit.***

Originally published in 1974, this is the story of Marcy Lewis – a misunderstood middle school student who finds the courage to stand up for what she believes.



DiCamillo, Kate. ***The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane.***

Edward Tulane, a cold-hearted china rabbit owned by 10-year-old Abilene Tulane, falls overboard during the family's ocean journey and

so begins his miraculous journey. His journey lands him into many hands including a fisherman, a homeless man and his dog, and a 4-year-old girl. With each person who touches him, Edward's heart grows bigger and softer.



Giff, Patricia Reilly. ***Willow Run.***

A World War II story. Meggie Dillon, 11, has to deal with moving away to much less comfortable conditions. Her brother Eddie is in the army and has been missing since the invasion of Normandy and it is Meggie who bolsters her family's spirit during this difficult time. Meggie was first introduced as a secondary character in Patricia Reilly Giff's novel, ***Lily's Crossing.***



Henkes, Kevin. ***Olive's Ocean.***

After 12 year old-Martha Boyle receives a journal entry from Olive (a classmate who recently died), she and her family go on their annual Cape Cod summer vacation. During her time away, Martha has a chance to read Olive's entry and discover things about her family, first love, and mostly herself. A Newbery Honor book.

See booklists in the Children's Area for more

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
	<h1>JULY 2006</h1> <p>Events at the Middleton Public Library</p>					<p>■ = Youth Event ■ = Tween Event ■ = Teen Event ■ = Adult Event ■ = Friends Event</p>	1
2	3 10:00 Friends Book Sorting 1:00 Baby Storytime	4  Independence Day Library Closed	5 9:30 Storytime 10:30 Storytime 1:00 Tweens Dungeons & Dragons Club	6 9:30 Baby Storytime 10:30 Storytime 1:00 Tweens Dungeons & Dragons Club 7:00 Teens 50s Night	7 2:00 Tom Kessenich: Snakes Alive	8  10:00-1:30 Friends Book Sale	
9	10 1:00 Baby Storytime 1:00 Tie-Die/60s Afternoon 2:00 Introduction to Computers 6:30 Friends Book Sorting 7:00 Life Writing w/Anita Hecht	11 9:30 Storytime 10:30 Storytime 2:00 Book Bunch	12 9:30 Storytime 10:30 Storytime 1:00 Tweens Dungeons & Dragons Club	13 9:30 Baby Storytime 10:30 Storytime 1:00 Tweens D&D Club 2:00 Tween Book-To-Movie "Chronicles of Narnia"	14 10:00 Introduction to the Internet 2:00 Traveling Lantern Theatre Company: The Hobbit	15	
16	17 1:00 Baby Storytime 2:00 Monday Matinee: Finding Nemo 7:00 Life Writing w/Anita Hecht	18 9:30 Storytime 10:30 Storytime 2:00 Book Bunch 7:00 Introduction to Windows XP	19 9:30 Storytime 10:30 Storytime 1:00 Tweens D&D Club 4:00 Teens 70s Afternoon 6:30 Friends Book Sorting	20 9:30 Baby Storytime 10:30 Storytime 1:00 Tweens D&D Club 2:00, 3:30 "Krafty" Kids 6:30 Adult Book Discussion/Potluck	21 10:00 Finding Stuff Online 2:00 Dane County Humane Society: Pet Responsibility & Care	22	
23	24 1:00 Baby Storytime 7:00 Life Writing w/Anita Hecht	25 9:30 Storytime 10:30 Storytime 2:00 Book Bunch	26 9:30 Storytime 10:30 Storytime 1:00 Tweens D&D Club 4:00 Teen Advisory Committee Pizza Party 6:30 Parent-Child Book Discussion	27 9:30 Baby Storytime 10:30 Storytime 1:00 Tweens D&D Club 6:30 Making Dolls w/ Lizzie Primozic	28 11:00 Tween: Pet Jeopardy Game & Lunch	29	
30	31 1:00 Baby Storytime						

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	<h1>AUGUST 2006</h1> <p>Events at the Middleton Public Library</p>					<p>■ = Youth Event ■ = Tween Event ■ = Teen Event ■ = Adult Event ■ = Friends Event</p>
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6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	10:00 Friends Book Sorting					 10:00-1:30 Friends Book Sale
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	6:30 Friends Book Sorting					
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
			6:30 Friends Book Sorting	Staff Inservice Library Closed until 1 pm (open 1-9pm)		
27	28	29	30	31		

Teen Picks for Summer:

Looking for a great read this summer? Try these...

Elsewhere

Gabrielle Zevin

Flush

Carl Hiassen (action/realistic)

A Brief Chapter in my Impossible Life

Dana Reinhardt (realistic)

Princess Academy

Shannon Hale (fantasy)

Avalon High

Meg Cabot

I am the Messenger

Markus Zusak (mystery)

Blue Girl

Charles DeLint (fantasy)

Boy Proof

Cecil Castellucci (romance)

Blue is for Nightmares

Laurie Faria Stolarz (horror)

Magyk

Angie Sage (fantasy)

Down the Rabbit Hole

Peter Abrahams (mystery)

Strange new Species

Elin Kelsey (non-fiction)

Girl, 13

Starla Griffin (non-fiction)

Hero Project

Robert & William Hatch

Small Steps

Louis Sachar (humor)

Boyfriend List E.

Lockhart (humor/romance)

Dancing With Elvis

Lynda Stephenson (historical fiction)

Maximum Ride

James Patterson (science fiction)

Runaways #1 (Pride & Joy)

Brian Vaughan (graphic novel)

- Rebecca Van Dan,
Young Adult Librarian

Highly Hypnotic Hijinks and Perfectly Pleasurable Picnics for Teens

Want to watch your friends do silly things while they are hypnotized? On **August 3, 7-8 p.m.**, hypnotist Paul Knight will amaze you with his hypnotic powers. This will be a filmed performance, signed permission slips are required to participate.

If you're more in the mood for just food and fun, the End of Summer Reading Picnic on **August 5 (12-2**

p.m.) offers plenty of everything! We will draw the winners for the Teen Summer Reading Program at the Picnic, announce the winner of the Writing Contest, and have lots of games, prizes, and munchies. All teen events are free but you must be between 12 and 19 to participate. Questions or comments? Please contact Rebecca at (608)827-7402.



Special July Book Sale for Kids

The Friends of the Middleton Library continue to receive wonderful donations for their monthly book sale and for the book sale area on the main floor of the library. The latter has been so popular that the books are flying off the racks. However, the majority of donations are still shelved in the downstairs book sale room. On **Saturday, July 8**, we will also have, along with our regular monthly book sale, a special sale of children's books in the Archer meeting room across the hall. Parents &

grandparents, summer is a great time to encourage your child to read for pleasure and also keep up his/her reading skills. What better present for children than an "almost new" book of their very own? The July 8 sale will be held from 10:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Members of the Friends can begin shopping at 10:00 a.m.; the sale for non-members begins at 11:00. Memberships are available at the library's Circulation Desk during regular library hours or at the book sale. Come see what we have!

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Open to Serve you
Monday—Thursday 9 am-9 pm
Friday 9 am-6 pm
Saturday 9 am-5 pm
Sunday (Sept-May) 1 pm-5 pm



Library Staff Changes



Barbara Henderson joins the supervisory staff as the new Library Assistant II. Barbara, who raises orchids, has worked at the Middleton Public Library for over five years. Among her many valued skills, she is also our resident in-house plant expert. We know she will “grow” capably into her new position.



Peter Matiash who has been stepping out of retirement via several positions here, now begins yet another new career as a Library Assistant I at the Circulation Desk. Peter worked for the State of Wisconsin for many years and he is thrilled to be working in a library.



Cindy Zellers joins the Circulation Desk staff as a new Library Page II. Cindy also worked for the State of Wisconsin for many years, served on the Middleton-Cross Plains School Board, and is excited to be working right in the heart of her community.

We are happy to welcome these employees to their new positions & duties!

Chocolate, Chocolate, Chocolate

This summer Middleton Public Library is honoring the most wonderful of foods: chocolate! A chocolate program was presented in June and the adult July book discussion will be a potluck (which will include chocolate!) and features the novel *Chocolat* by Joanne Harris. Here is a chocolate recipe for those who love chocolate:

Triple Chocolate Brownies

2 tablespoons unsalted butter	1 teaspoon vanilla extract
4 squares (4 oz.) semisweet chocolate	½ cup all purpose flour
¼ cup water	½ teaspoon baking soda
¼ cup unsweetened cocoa powder	¼ teaspoon salt
½ cup sugar	1 cup (6 oz.) milk chocolate chips
2 large eggs	½ cup of walnuts (optional)



1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Lightly rub the bottom and sides of an 8 or 9 inch pan with butter, then lightly cover with flour for ease of cutting.
2. Combine the chocolate, water and butter in a medium, heavy pot over low heat, stirring occasionally. When the chocolate is just melted, turn off the heat and add the cocoa powder Stir until combined and set aside to cool for a few minutes.
3. Add the sugar, eggs, and vanilla, and stir until well blended. Add the flour, baking soda, and salt, and stir until all are thoroughly combined. Stir in the chocolate chips, and add the nuts, if using.
4. Put batter in pan and bake for 20 to 25 minutes, or until the top feels firm and the brownies pull away from the sides of the pan. Remove from the oven and cool on a rack for 15 minutes.
5. Cut into squares and serve with ice cream. Store in an airtight container.

Source: *Chocolate on the Brain: Foolproof Recipes for Unrepentant Chocoholics* by Kevin Mills & Nancy Mills
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- Elizabeth I. Bauer, Head of Circulation Services